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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, without You, our mortal flesh is but disappearing dust. Draw close to our lawmakers, for, in Your presence, they can discover their dignity and destiny. Make Your face shine with favor upon them today as they strive to do Your will. Lord, give them the wisdom to seek Your guidance, depending upon Your redemptive power to direct their steps. Lift them into the saving knowledge that they are Your children, made in Your likeness. Strengthen them to plant seeds that will bring a harvest of peace and purity.

We pray in Your righteous Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LUJÁN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Zahid N.

Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

U.S. COMPETITION AND INNOVATION ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, 68 to 32, that was the final vote tally last night for the U.S. Competition and Innovation Act—USICA—an overwhelming display of bipartisan support, a rarity on a major bill in this Senate.

I believe the final vote reflects the importance of the bill—of rededicating the Federal Government to science and technology; to outcompeting our adversaries, especially the Chinese Communist Party; to strengthening critical supply chains as well as our partnerships and alliances abroad.

I believe that future generations will look back on this competition bill as the turning point for American leadership in the 21st century.

I think the depth of the bipartisan support reflects the process we took as well. The kernel of the bill is legislation I wrote with Senator TODD YOUNG, the Endless Frontier Act. We ultimately included legislation from six committees and input from every Member. Over 3 weeks, the Senate considered more than 20 amendments, the vast majority from Republicans. In fact, the Senate even accepted an amendment from Senator PAUL by voice vote. That doesn't happen too often around here.

Excluding budget resolutions, nearly as many amendments have received

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